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Recommendations to assist arbitral institutions and other interested bodies with regard to arbitration under the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law as revised in 2010

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, which established the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law with the purpose of furthering the progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade in the interests of all peoples, in particular those of developing countries,

Recalling also its resolutions 31/98 of 15 December 1976 and 65/22 of 6 December 2010, in which it recommended the use of the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law,[1]

Recognizing the value of arbitration as a method of settling disputes that may arise in the context of international commercial relations,

Noting that the Arbitration Rules are recognized as a very successful text and are used in a wide variety of circumstances covering a broad range of disputes, including disputes between private commercial parties, investor-State disputes, State-to-State disputes and commercial disputes administered by arbitral institutions, in all parts of the world,

Recognizing the value of the 1982 recommendations to assist arbitral institutions and other interested bodies with regard to arbitration under the Arbitration Rules as adopted in 1976,[2]

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/31/17), chap. V, sect. C; and ibid., *Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/65/17), annex I.
[2] Ibid., *Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/37/17), annex I.

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Also recognizing the need for issuing updated recommendations to assist arbitral institutions and other interested bodies with regard to arbitration under the Arbitration Rules as revised in 2010,

Believing that updated recommendations to assist arbitral institutions and other interested bodies with regard to arbitration under the Arbitration Rules as revised in 2010 will significantly enhance the efficiency of arbitration under the Rules,

Noting that the preparation of the 2012 recommendations to assist arbitral institutions and other interested bodies with regard to arbitration under the Arbitration Rules as revised in 2010 was the subject of due deliberation and consultations with Governments, arbitral institutions and interested bodies,

Convinced that the recommendations as adopted by the Commission at its forty-fifth session[3] are acceptable to arbitral institutions and other interested bodies in countries with different legal, social and economic systems and can significantly contribute to the establishment of a harmonized legal framework for a fair and efficient settlement of international commercial disputes and to the development of harmonious international economic relations,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for having formulated and adopted the recommendations to assist arbitral institutions and other interested bodies with regard to arbitration under the Arbitration Rules as revised in 2010;[3]

2. *Recommends* the use of the recommendations in the settlement of disputes arising in the context of international commercial relations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the recommendations broadly to Governments, with a call for the recommendations to be made available to arbitral institutions and other interested bodies, so that the recommendations become widely known and available;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to publish the recommendations, including electronically, and to make all efforts to ensure that they become generally known and available.

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[3] Ibid., *Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/67/17), annex I.